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Applicant: Hechinger, Mark) Examiner: Not known
Serial No.: 10/023,434) Art Unit: 1641
Filing Date: December 12, 2000) Re: Response to Notice to File Missing Parts
For: "Immunoassay Apparatus, Kit and Methods") Our Ref: 1007-109.US
) Date: June 1, 2002

Box Missing Parts
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231.

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply
(Nonprovisional), dated May 13, 2002.

It is respectfully submitted that the drawings contain the
minimal amount of text to adequately and properly describe the
invention, and that the wording therein is appropriate under 37
CFR 1.84(o).

As such, it is requested that the drawings presently on
file, and as originally filed in this application, be retained in
their current form, and if any changes are required, these will
be reviewed on a substantive basis with the Examiner during
examination of this application.

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A copy of the Notice dated May 13, 2002, is enclosed, as requested.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this Response by return.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 04/11/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 01/30/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

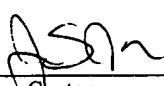
A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*


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